

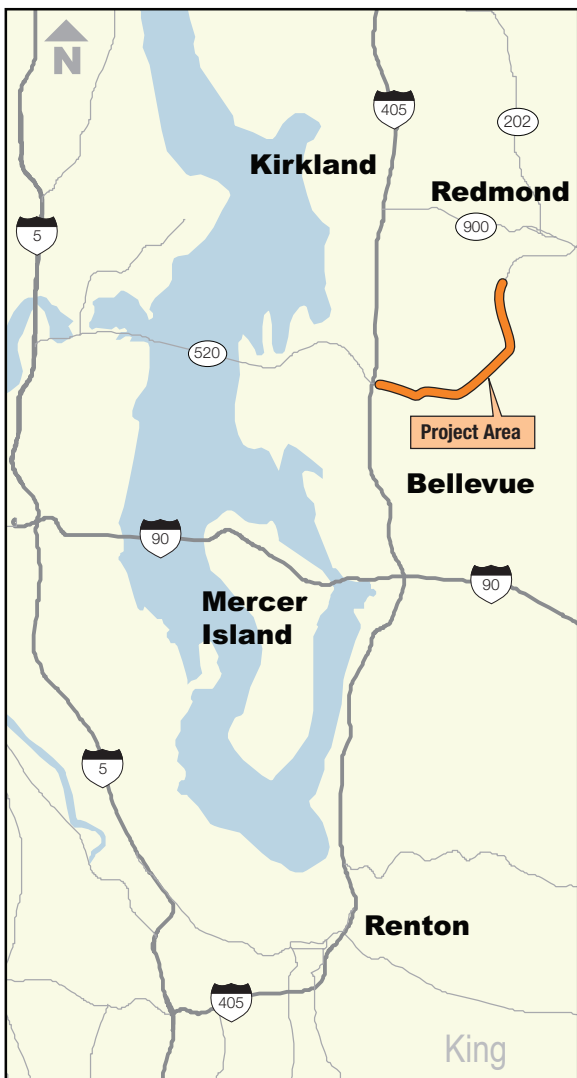
SR 520 / I-405 to West Lake Sammamish Parkway paving

520

2009: Plan ahead – www.wsdot.wa.gov/construction/

Major construction on SR 520 in 2009

Drivers face a jarring bump at overpasses where the asphalt meets concrete bridges. Along SR 520, the asphalt road is settling and crumbling in places and it's time to upgrade the roadway. Asphalt is a weaker material that is more vulnerable to water and freezing damage than sturdy concrete. This project will replace the crumbling asphalt with new concrete slabs where the road meets the concrete overpasses. Other parts of the route will be repaved to extend the life of the road.



Weekend closures

MARCH and APRIL 2009 (could include May)

Weekend closures are planned for up to eight weekends in March and April, and possibly May. One lane will remain open on westbound or eastbound SR 520 between I-405 and West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Stay tuned for specific dates.

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Nighttime lane closures

MAY through AUGUST 2009

Nighttime lane closures are planned during the summer paving months, roughly May through August 2009. One lane will remain open to traffic during construction, which lasts an estimated 85 nights. Stay tuned for specific dates.

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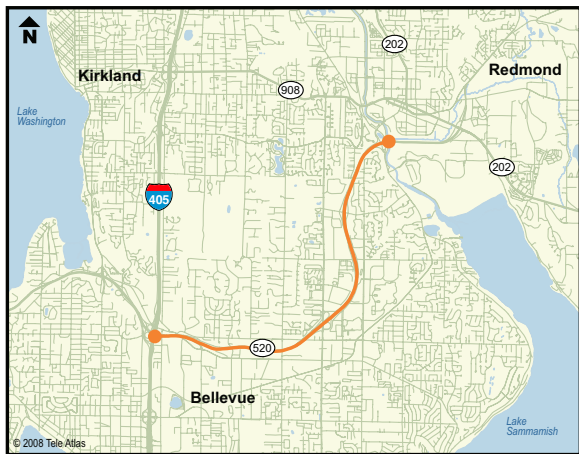
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During the closures, drivers can anticipate:

Drivers can expect delays on nights and weekends in the construction zone. Stay tuned for specific times and dates for lane closures.



We will rebuild sections of SR 520 near five overpasses and repave from I-405 in Bellevue to West Lake Sammamish Parkway in Redmond.



Drivers can clearly see and feel the difference when they cross from the worn asphalt pavement to the sturdier concrete overpasses.



This project will upgrade the seams by pouring concrete to replace the crumbling asphalt near the overpasses.

Why are we closing the road?

We will repave all lanes of SR 520 between I-405 and West Lake Sammamish Parkway and replace the connections between the asphalt road and the five concrete bridges in the area. To do this, we must close lanes. WSDOT crews will:

- Dig up old asphalt adjacent to some bridges.
- Replace it with concrete.
- Repave all mainline lanes of SR 520.

The benefit

This is a preservation and safety project. If the asphalt were left to separate from the bridge, drivers would feel an increasingly hard bump as they drove the highway.

Additionally, the road would continue to crumble from years of use. Once the work is complete, drivers will feel a smoother ride, a safer road and a longer lasting highway.

What should drivers do?

- Plan ahead knowing that SR 520 might be congested during weekends in March, April and possibly May.
- Plan ahead knowing lanes will be closed at night June, July and August.
- Consider shifting schedules during these months to avoid construction work.

What is WSDOT doing?

- Schedule all work for nights and weekends
- Work with local cities and utilities to limit work on parallel routes.

What other work is WSDOT doing?

WSDOT begins widening SR 520 between SR 202 and West Lake Sammamish Parkway in spring 2009. Most of this work will take place off the roadway in 2009. Work will be on the roadway in 2010. www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr520/wlakesampk_sr202/

WSDOT will also begin construction on the SR 520 bridge replacement in 2010. www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr520bridge/

What other closures or events should I know about?

May 2009: All lanes of I-90 express lanes closed to all traffic
June 21 and 22: Annual SR 520 bridge weekend maintenance closure
July 2009: All westbound lanes of I-90 closed to call traffic

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